

## **Kansas Senate – 17<sup>th</sup> District**

### **Mike Argabright, Republican**

**Occupation:** Retired Educator – Farmer/Rancher

**Number of Years in District:** 18 years in Lyon County, 35 years in Flint Hills, Lifelong Kansan

#### **What prompted you to run as a candidate for Kansas Senate District 17?**

I was encouraged by respected friends in the area. I have retired as an educator and have the time to dedicate to serving Senate District 17. I want to build upon past elected officials work to make Kansas the best place to live, work, raise families, and retire in.

#### **What top issue concerns you the most about the current political climate in Kansas?**

The lack of working together for a common vision for this State and Country. I believe that our political climate in Kansas is in a better place and more positive than our political environment in Washington DC. With that said, I will do my part to view perspectives and sit at the table to solve issues and challenges in Kansas. I will learn from by colleagues and constituents to develop long term solutions for progressing Kansas.

#### **What are your 3 top priorities?**

1. Lowering property taxes for senior citizens and disabled veteran. Kansas needs to make sure our senior citizens and disabled veterans are able to stay in their homes while on fixed incomes.
2. Supporting small businesses: Growing Kansas Jobs and the Kansas Economy. I am pro-business and will work hard for our small businesses in Kansas. Rural Kansas is struggling to help our small businesses and I am committed to supporting efforts to help sustain our small business partners. I have been endorsed by the Kansas Chamber and I will go to work on initiatives that support our Kansas Economy.
3. I support Public Education and will fight for our Youth and Educators in Kansas. I will be a positive Kansas Senator for our rural schools to build upon and grow our efforts in core academics and preparations for Kansas careers and post-secondary opportunities. I will support growing internships and apprenticeships to keep Kansas graduates in Kansas and grow our workforce.

#### **Additional Areas:**

4. Agriculture in Kansas. I will support efforts in protecting and growing the roots of the Kansas Agriculture Economy.
5. I Support our active Military, Veterans, and First Responders in Kansas. Kansan's need these services and I will display appreciation to our Military, Veterans, & First Responders.

6. I am concerned with fentanyl and human trafficking occurrences in Kansas. I want to work with law enforcement to find solutions and options to fight these crises.

**What do you think sets you apart from the other candidates?**

I have the time to serve and will be committed to Kansas Senate District 17. I am approachable and I will be connected to citizens in Geary, Morris, and Lyon Counties.

I have experience with business operational budgets in school districts, farming, ranching, and oversight on advisory boards that include a regional hospital. I know how to live within our means with successful experiences related to budgeting and business operations.

**If people would like more information, can they find you on social media, and if so, how?**

Website: <https://mikeargabright.com/>

Facebook: Mike Argabright For Kansas Senate

**Anything else you would like the citizens of your district to know about you?**

I grew up on a farm/ranch in Northwest Kansas – Atwood

I am a lifelong Kansan

I am a lifelong Farm Bureau Member

I am endorsed by the Kansas Livestock Association

I am endorsed by the Kansas Chamber

I am endorsed by the Kansas Banker Association

I am endorsed by the Kansas Auto Dealers Association

I am endorsed by the Kansas Realtors Association PAC

I am endorsed by the Kansas Hospital Association PAC

I am endorsed by the Kansas State Council of Firefighters Association PAC

I value rural Kansas and I will represent rural Kansas!

I value farmers/ranchers, educators, small business, health professionals, hospitals, first responders, veterans, active military, and our youth.